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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: NOTICE OF GUANTANAMO ADMINISTRATIVE  
REVIEW BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REF: STATE 230358

Classified by DCM Susan L. Ziadeh for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (S) Pol/Econ chief October 31 passed reftel information concerning upcoming Administrative Review Board (ARB) proceedings for detainees Adil Kamil Al Wadi and Salah Al Balushi to MFA First Secretary Shaikh Turki Al Khalifa. (Note: Shaikh Turki is responsible for the detainees issue in the absence of Assistant Under Secretary for Coordination and Follow-Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz Al Khalifa. End Note.) Shaikh Turki said that the GOB would compile any information it had on detainees Al Wadi and Al Balushi and pass it to the Embassy for inclusion in the ARB proceedings. He also stated that he would contact family members and friends for testimony on behalf of the two detainees. He was not certain he would be able to complete the information gathering within 30 days and requested additional time.

2. (S) Pol/Econ chief met November 2 with MFA Director for Consular Affairs Yusuf Ahmad to discuss the issue. Ahmad noted that the Bahrain Embassy in Washington had delivered to the State Department under cover of diplomatic note 116/10-157 on October 6, 2004 the report of the Bahraini security team that had visited detainees at GTMO. That report includes information on the circumstances under which the detainees were apprehended, the reasons for their presence in Afghanistan/Pakistan, their health, an assessment of their actions in Afghanistan/Pakistan, and proposed measures and programs for their rehabilitation and assimilation into Bahraini society. Ahmad suggested that the ARB would be interested in reviewing this report. Like Shaikh Turki, Ahmad said he would endeavor to compile all relevant GOB information and obtain testimony from friends and family of the two detainees within 30 days. He said he would inform us if the GOB needed more time to complete the project.

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